



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, swimming and aquatic-related activities play a vital role in helping people to maintain good physical and mental health and enhancing the quality of life for all citizens of Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, water safety education is important in the prevention of drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, understanding, communicating and reinforcing water safety rules to families and individuals of all ages, whether they are owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities, or visitors to waterparks, will help them to be safe in and around the water; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross, National Recreation & Park Association, Pool & Hot Tub Alliance and World Waterpark Association have joined together to promote safer water practices at the start of the summer swimming season; and

**WHEREAS**, water safety practices include taking swim lessons; having a buddy system; supervising children; following posted rules; using life jackets, especially for young children or inexperienced swimmers; swimming in designated areas supervised by lifeguards; using appropriate safety equipment; being alert to ocean conditions; and avoiding alcohol use while swimming or boating to reduce accidents;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim May 2020 as

## **“WATER SAFETY MONTH”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in encouraging everyone to be water safe and recognizing the ongoing efforts and commitment by the pool, spa, waterpark, recreation and parks industries to educate the public on water safety issues.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventh day of April 2020.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i